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1. ISRAEL RADIO CARRIED A REPORT ON THE BLACK HEBREWS ON OCT 24 ON WHICH SEVERAL LEADING FIGURES, INCLUDING BEN-AMI CARTER AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIAL YUDITH HUEBNER, WERE INTERVIEWED. TRANSCRIPT OF BROADCAST BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

2. JACQUES AMIR, THE MAYOR OF DIMONA, STATED THAT A CENSUS CONDUCTED BY THE DIMONA MUNICIPALITY, IN WHICH THE BLACK HEBREWS COOPERATED FULLY, REVEALED THAT THERE ARE 692 BLACK HEBREWS IN DIMONA. THIS FIGURE APPROXIMATES OUR ESTIMATE AND WHEN ADDED TO THE FIGURES FOR ARAD (150-200) AND MITZPE RAMON (100-150) PRODUCES A TOTAL FOR BLACK HEBREW COMMUNITY (BHC) IN ISRAEL OF APPROXIMATELY 1000 PERSONS. THIS IS THE FIGURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD USE IN REFERRING TO THE BHC, RATHER THAN EXAGGERATED NUMBERS THAT HAVE APPEARED IN THE PRESS IN THE PAST. BROWN

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